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SUBJECT: GOL- FEDAYEEN ARRANGEMENTS

REF: BEIRUT 5880

1. CHARGE FOLLOWED MAY 22 TELECONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS (REFTEL) WITH CALL ON SEC GEN SADAQA ON MAY 23. HE POINTED OUT TO SADAQA THAT GOL DECISION NOT DIVULGE TO OTHER GOVTS DETAILS OF ITS ARRANGEMENTS WITH FEDAYEEN PLACES US IN PECULIAR POSITION IN CARRYING OUT SUPPORTING DEMARCHES WITH USSR AND THREE ARAB STATES, AS REQUESTED BY GOL. IT WOULD SEEM STRANGE FOR USG MAKE FORMAL DEMARCHE SUPPORTING STRICT APPLICATION OF GOL- FEDAYEEN ARRANGEMENTS WHEN GOVTS WHICH WE APPROACHING HAD NO DETAILLED KNOWLEDGE OF ARRANGEMENTS AND FEDAYEEN

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SAYING PUBLICLY THAT THERE IS NO NEW AGREEMENT OR ACCORD.

2. SADAQA SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM AND AGREED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR US NOT TO MAKE SORT OF DEMARCHE ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED. LEBANESE HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS HERE, ALTHOUGH NOT INFORMING THEM OF DETAILS OR ARRANGEMENTS. PERHAPS IF OCCASION ARISES IN CONTEXT OF CALL ON OTHER BUSINESS, OUR EMBASSIES IN CERTAIN ARAB COUNTRIES AND USSR COULD MAKE GENERAL PITCH ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF FEDAYEEN BEING FAITHFUL TO NEW UNDERSTANDING WITH GOL IN ORDER AVOID FUTURE EXPLOSION. AT SAME TIME OUR EMBASSIES COULD PERHAPS HELP EDUCATE CERTAIN ARAB GOVTS ON NATURE OF LEFT WING THREAT WHICH IS SO CLOSELY INTERWOVEN WITH FEDAYEEN PROBLEM IN LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE. GOL WILL ALSO BE PUSHING THIS LINT, USING SOME DOCUMENTS WHICH FOUND DURING RECENT FIGHTING TO SUPPORT ITS CASE.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO MAKE SORT OF FORMAL DEMARCHE WHICH GOL ORIGINALLY REQUESTED. GENERAL CONVERSATION SUCH AS SADAQA SUGGESTED MIGHT BE USEFUL. FORMAL DEMARCHE MAY BE MORE USEFUL LATER ON WHEN, AS SEEMS LIKELY, MAJOR PROBLEMS ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH FEDAYEEN EXECUTION OF THEIR COMMITMENTS.
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